



**May 2011 ~ Pahkwan-kesoq
“Budding Moon”**

Bear Facts Newsletter

Menominee Tribal School Wraps up the School Year

The 2010-2011 school year is just about to wrap up. We have one month of school left with many activities, sporting events and many classroom fieldtrips coming up. It has been an amazing year watching our students succeed in their classrooms. Spring is finally in the air and students are enjoying the fresh air outside. We also celebrated “Earth Day” in which the students in each grade participated in an art contest. See pg. 6 for the winners and pictures. Our school year will end with a Fun Day on June 3rd.



Waewaenon To Our Veterans

REMINDERS:

Re-enrollment forms will be going out for the 2011-2012 school year. Please stop by the office to pick one up or one can be mailed to you.

MTS Summer School will be back in action beginning on June 27th through July 21st. Space is limited so sign-up early!!

Jump Start will also be offered in the summer and will begin on July 11th through July 21st.

4th Qtr. Attendance Reward Trip

Bay Beach in Green Bay
8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, May 27th, 2011

WHO CAN GO? All students having a total attendance of 92% or better. If your student has missed 3 1/2 days or more of school in the 4th Quarter, they will not be able to attend the trip.

K -2 SCOOP

Posoh Families,

The end of the year is fast approaching! We will be getting ready for Kindergarten Graduation on June 1st at 10:00am. Lunch and cake will follow the ceremony. Be on the look out for an invitation. ☺ Your child will receive either a ribbon shirt or a shawl to wear for the graduation ceremony. Whatever you choose for your child to wear make sure they will be comfortable. This is an event that you don't want to miss so be sure to come early and get the best seat! Waewaenon,

Mrs. Soik & Mrs. Bonnin



Mr. Negro ~ 1st Grade MTS

April has kept our class busy with a number of projects. The highlight has been our class utilizing fluorescent growth lights in growing a number of different plants. It has been a neat project for our class as we are learning about the plant growing cycle. This is the first year that I've used these growing lights and it has sometimes been hit and miss whether some plants survived or not. I guess it has been a good learning experience for me too! Anyway, students will be taking home a sunflower plant at the end of the school year to grow at home and to continue observing it's growth. When students return next year, to my 2nd grade class, I will ask students to take measurements of their plant, and we'll have some prizes for the tallest plant, etc.

Finally, with the 4th Quarter ending soon, I will be calling parents/guardians to provide details of end-of-the-year field

1st Grade with Mrs. Kinney

The first graders have been busy. We will soon know all our addition math facts 0-18 and will be adding three single digit number next week Our next theme, in reading, is about special friends. We will be reading stories about all different kinds of relationships. We had a disappointing month due to the fact that the eggs we had in the classroom incubator did not hatch, although it was a good lesson learned- "Don't count your chickens before they hatch". We now have some duck eggs in the incubator, and hopefully we will have better success.



The Dr. Seuss Reading Challenge was a big success. The K-2 students read a total of 612 books for the month of March. The top readers in each class were: 2nd grade- McKayla Putnam (40), 1A – Joely Perez (32), 1B – Jaylynn Brisk (16), KA – Julian Madosh (21), KB – Joshua Lyons (15).

Waewaenon to all the parents who continually encourage their children to read at home.

K-3 GRANDPARENTS
Grab a Book & Read with
your Grandchild

MAY 10, 2011
8:00 – 9:00 A.M.
In the cafeteria

YOUR GRANDCHILDREN HAVE BEEN WORKING
SO HARD LEARNING TO READ THAT THEY
WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ TO
YOU!!

SECOND GRADE ~ Mrs. Fish

We've made it! We've reached the end of our subtraction facts. This week, we began the "subtract 9" facts. Your child should be able to complete all the addition and subtraction facts up to 9. We will continue to practice all of these facts till the end of the year, and I hope you will continue to work with your child at home. In a couple of weeks, your child will take their last one-minute timed reading assessment. Please continue to read daily with your child to help build fluency. On May 23rd, we will be taking a field trip to the New Zoo. Waewaenon to Ashley Kitchenakow and Rebecca Komanekin who will help chaperone the trip.

3rd Grade News

3rd Graders are working hard at getting long division down as well as double-digit multiplication. They are also reading diligently to reach their AR goal which will entitle them to a trip to Butterfly Bookstore in DePere on May 25th. They will receive \$10.00 to spend on book purchases. We are also looking forward to a trip to the Weidner Center on May 10th to see *Click, Clack, Moo, Cows That Type*. In Science, we have been discussing climate and weather and the water cycle. This year, Dana Warrington has presented a program on diabetes prevention here in the classroom for 12 weeks. The students have learned lots about good food choices, getting plenty of exercise, as well as how to work as a team. Great job 3rd Graders! In 2 weeks, we will be celebrating the class ending with a pizza party. YUM. The year is fast coming to a close, and I want to express how much I have enjoyed working with the students. I hope you enjoy a great Summer!

Mrs. Wilson

4th Grade 411

We've arrived at the last leg of the race, but we won't slowdown in our learning! We will assist CMN students in analyzing our garbage and take part in developing solutions to minimize the impact we have at school and home. We will also focus on Wisconsin Native communities, master our long division process, visit the UW-Fox Valley Museum, Spring MAPS assessment, End of the Year Pow-Wow, class field trip to Badger Sports Park, and our attendance trip to Bay Beach. Remember you need to be present 92% of the Quarter to qualify for our attendance trip! It was an honor to work with the 4th grade class...I wish them well in the future!!!

Ms. Waukechon

3rd - 5th FIELD TRIPS.....

- UW-Fox Valley in Menasha (4th and 5th grades) May 9th bus leave school around 8am and return at 2:45. It includes the Barlow Planetarium, Weis Earth Science Museum, and Gift Shop.
- Badger Sports Park in Appleton (3-5 grades) June 2nd Bus leaves around 8am and returns at 2:45



5th Grade News

- Reading- We are in our 6th and final Theme "Animal Encounters." Students are reminded to try to read at least 30 minutes a night at home. Independent reading counts as a portion of the Reading grade. Students that reach their Accelerated Reading Goal for the 4th Quarter will earn a trip to Butterfly Books (DePere) and \$10 to purchase a book on May 25th.
- Mathematics -Students continue metric/US customary conversions and measurements, fractions, probabilities, geometry, graphing, and angles.
- Science - Students will be investigating the characteristics of the life cycle of plants. The unit of study is called "Living Systems." Currently, students are making observations of plants they started growing from seed.
- Social Studies- We are learning about early English, French, and Dutch colonies in N. America. The kids are studying the building blocks of early government in the Pilgrim and Puritan colonies of New England.
- Language Arts- Students are still working on writing research papers on individual explorers
 - Spelling- words assigned at the beginning of each week and homework/study guide sent home on Thursdays. Remember to ask your child about their word list.

Notes from The Green Group

This month, Beau Mitchell and some CMN students will be conducting a Waste Analysis at our school. They will set up some tarps in the corner of our parking lot by the dumpsters, and they will be ripping the bags open and making piles of the types of garbage. Once this process is complete they will prepare a profile chart of the analysis along with recommendations – there are revenue opportunities in recycling! The 4th grade students will be doing observations, and Mr. B's Social Studies group will be participating in this process. We appreciate staff utilizing the recycling bins! Maeqc Waewaenen to all of our students, staff, and community members for making some great environmental changes at our school!



Kohkomaehsahkamekonaw would like to say Maeqc Waewaenen to the following students for caring:

Donnie Dodge (3rd), Sharday Gladue (4th), Shawna Kaquatosh (4th), Leone Peters (4th), Apaenihsaeh Lyons (4th), Tego Warrington (4th), Rachel Turney (5th), Makos Beauprey (5th), Brooks VanZile (5th) and Austin Wauapoose (5th).

They worked so diligently the entire week cleaning up around the schoolyard!!



Middle School Science

Middle School Science classes are investigating various properties of matter, including physical and chemical changes. They recently used alcohol burners to watch how 6 different chemical compounds respond to high heat. It was fun to watch their reaction to boiling sulfur! One group moved away from the table because they all thought the stinkiness was caused by one of their classmates passing gas! This time, it was just the sulfur! Our next labs involve mixtures, solutions, and chromatography. Students will be wrapping up the 2010-2011 school year by making homemade ice cream without a freezer! Yum!

Ms. Orie

Menominee Language

Posoh Mawaw New Weyak☺

Now that sugar camp is over and the Thunder Birds have arrived, we will be working on our Lacrosse sticks and girls Cahah sticks in preparation for our annual MTS game. We have not set a date as of yet due to the hectic schedule and field trips in May. Once a date is set, we will send out letters for parents/guardians to attend. At this same time, the Namaew (sturgeon) have made their journey to the dams in Shawano and we hope you all had the opportunity to go and see them. Maybe someday with hope and lots of prayers, we will once again see the Namaew (sturgeon) return to their ancestral spawning grounds at Keshena falls. The 6th and 7th grades will be going to the Menominee Museum and logging camp to see a rich part of our history. For lunch that day we will travel to the Wolf River Dells and talk to the students about the battle of the Thunder Bird and the Serpent and how that battle relates to our daily life as Indigenous people. We are very honored to have the opportunity to work with your youth this past year and also hope you are pleased that you made the decision to enroll your daughter/son here as well. All the students are anxious for summer but please help keep them focus on the last few weeks of school so we all can have a strong finish to another wonderful school year.

Maec Waewaenen for your support and help in making our Language/Culture program so wonderful☺

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MAY 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Honoring Water Feast	7
8 Mother's Day	9 4 th & 5 th grades UW Fox Valley Planetarium 8am – 2:45pm	10 Grandparents Breakfast 8-9am 3 rd gr. to Weidner Center 11-3:00pm AM Annnc. to Luigi's	11 8 th Grade Highway Clean-up	12 Sugar Camp Breakfast 6-8 Reality Check Event in Gym – Wade Fernandez	13 NO SCHOOL Native American Day	14
15	16 Map Testing	17 Kdg. to Mrs. Bonnin's Farm 9:30 – 2:50pm Map Testing	18 Language & Culture to Olga Brenner 8:30 – 12:00pm Map Testing	19 Map Testing	20 End of year Powwow 1-3pm Middle School Family Night 5-10:00pm Veterans Powwow Map Testing	21 Armed Forces Day Veterans Powwow
22 Veterans Powwow	23 K-2 New Zoo 8:30 – 3:00pm	24	25 3-5 Reward Trip for AR points 10:30 – 2:45pm	26	27 4 th Qtr. Attendance Trip to Bay Beach SPED to Luigi's 11:00 – 2:30pm	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	31 8 th Grade end-of-year fieldtrip to Great America	June 1 st Kindergarten Graduation 10:00am 8 th Grade Graduation 6:00pm Middle School All Star Trip	June 2 nd 6 th & 7 th grade trip to Wolf River Dells 3-5 End of year trip to Badger Sports Park	June 3 rd LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FUN DAY 12:30 Release	

SPRING SPORTS

LADY BEARS SOFTBALL

Wednesday, May 4th vs. St. James
@ Memorial Park
1:30pm – Grade 4-6 game
2:15pm – Grade 6-8 game

Wednesday, May 11th vs. St. Johns
@ Hayes (by Suring)
3:45pm – Grade 4-6 game
5:30pm – Grade 6-8 game

MTS SOCCER

Tuesday, May 10th vs. Shawano #1
@ Eberlein Park (behind K-Mart)
5:30pm

Tuesday, May 17th vs. Shawano #2
@ Eberlein Park (behind K-Mart)
5:30pm

Tuesday, May 24th vs. Shawano #1
@ Eberlein Park (behind K-Mart)
5:30pm

Tuesday, May 31st vs. Shawano #2
@ Eberlein Park (behind K-Mart)

MTS GOLF

Tuesday, May 10th vs. MIMS
@ Pine Hills 3:45pm

Tuesday, May 17th vs. MIMS
@ Pine Hills 3:45pm

Tuesday, May 24th vs. MIMS
@ Pine Hills 3:45pm

Softball Coach – Sniller
Soccer Coach – Mr. Clark
Golf Coach – Tracy Martin